



City of Milwaukee

Meeting Minutes

COMMUNITY SERVICE STAFFING TASK FORCE

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Friday, February 24, 2006

1:30 PM

City Hall, Room 301-A

Meeting Convened: 1:40 P.M.

Members present: Ald. Witkowski, Mr. Moore, Mr. Gielow, Mr. Feldmeier, Mr. Heard, Deputy Inspector Ruzinski, Mr. Schroeder.

Members excused: Deputy City Attorney Burke.

1) Approval of minutes of the February 10, 2006 meeting

Motion by Deputy Inspector Ruzinski to approve the minutes of the February 10, 2006 meeting. Seconded by Mr. Moore.

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2) Comments from Chairman

Ald. Witkowski advised members that the task force would review CSO surveys for discussion, in lieu of public comments.

Review of CSO citizen surveys revealed the following:

- Community organizations were under the assumption that the Community Service Officer would be similar to that of a Community Liaison Officer*
- Communication, or the lack of communication was not clearly defined to public*
- Constitutents seem to want the CSO to do much of what sworn officers are employed to do*

4) Member questions

Ald. Witkowski requested task force members offer any responses they have received regarding the use of Community Service Officers in the city of Milwaukee.

Members offered the following:

- CSOs are needed for response to lower priority calls*
- The idea of CSO's in the city of Milwaukee warmly accepted*
- Sworn officer's job security*

- Safety concerns for CSOs and citizens
- What or where will cost savings be?
- Improved response for service calls
- Visability a plus

5) Reports from members

Deputy Inspector Ruzinski provided the task force with a Seattle report on part time police officer programs, which detailed the following information.

- Memorandum of Agreement (MOA)
- Terms and conditions of the pilot program
- Project plan for the pilot program
- Application
- Agreement
- First quarter summary of program

6) Discussion of priorities, (types of calls CSO should respond to)

Members reviewed the Milwaukee Police Department's complaint types by priority list to determine the types of calls CSO could possibly respond to. Members voted on the following:

COMPLAINT-PRIORITY TYPES --TASK FORCE VOTE

1 1520 ABAND STOELN PROP--4
1 1201 ACC PI HWY--2
1 1205 ACC UNKN INJ HWY--1
1 1313 AIRCRFT DWN--1
1 1700 ANIMAL BITE--6
1 1802 CHILD ABUSE --1
1 1902 FIRE--4
1 1615 FIREWORKS--6
1 1954 GAS LEAK--6
1 1955 HAZ WASTE MAT--2
1 1735 MED-RUN--1
1 1835 OVERTURNED BOAT--1
1 1531 RECOVERED PROP--6
1 1840 SCHOOL CROSSING--7
1 1843 SUBJ IN WATER--1
1 1956 TORNADO TCHDWN--5
1 1962 WIRES DOWN --8
2 1301 ACC PI--1
2 1204 ACC PDO HWY--6
2 1926 ALTERED CURENC--2
2 1725 CALL BY (10-21)--1
2 1702 CRUELTY ANIMAL--2
2 1605 DEMONSTRATION--1
2 1528 ENTRY AUTOS--1
2 1953 FLOODING--8
2 1927 FORGERY--3
2 1929 FRAUD CREDIT CARD--1
2 1928 FRAUD INNKEEPER--2
2 1823 LOCKOUT--8

2 1704 LOOSE ANIMAL--4
2 1803 LOST CHILD--6
2 1905 MFD SECURITY--1
2 1826 MISSING CHECK--1
2 1831 NOTIFICATION--5
2 1530 PROP DAMAGE--8
2 1537 THEFT--1
2 1540 THEFT VEHICLE--2
2 1959 TRAFFIC HAZARD--8
2 1851 WELFARE CITIZEN--2
3 1304 ACC PDO--8
3 1734 JUV CONVEY--1
3 1621 LAN TEN TRBL--1
3 1536 STOLEN VEH--8
4 1800 9-1-1 ABUSE--2
4 1811 ADDL INFO--6
4 1801 ASSIGNMENT--1
4 1731 CITIZEN CONVEY--7
4 1808 CONT DEL MINOR--1
4 1729 CONVEY PROP--8
4 1812 ESCORT--5
4 1901 FALSE ALARM--5
4 1930 ISS WORTH CHECK--2
4 1813 MAIL-RUN--8
4 1827 MISSING REPORT--6
4 1829 MISSING RETURN--6
4 1625 NOISE NUISANCE--2
4 1834 OPEN HYDRANT--7
4 1836 PARKING TROUBLE--7
4 1838 PHONE CALL CMLNT--1
4 1611 PROP PICK-UP--7
4 1532 RECOVERED VEH--7
4 1638 TRUANT--1
4 1724 VEH MAINTAIN--7
4 1961 WATER MAIN BRK--8

7) Legislative Reference Bureau Research

Mr. Ramion offered an overview of his telephone interview with an Orlando, Florida based Community Service Officer (CSO) program.

The CSO program in Orlando was originally created to relieve sworn police officers from traffic crash incidents.

There are currently 31 CSO positions in Orlando, with the use of 3 squad cars. The chain of command is Chief, Captain and Lieutenant. CSO's are authorized to write traffic citations and investigate crashes up to and including fatalities. However, they do not have arrest powers. They work out of one section of the city. They are equipped with chemical agents, uniforms, body armour (vest) and marked vehicles.

A group telephone interview is scheduled at a future task force meeting.

8) Future direction of task force

-Discussion of priority list

-Telephone interview with cities who currently have CSO program

-What should be look at?

--Cars

-- Uniforms

--Training

--Deployment

--Firearms

-Type of training tools?

-Department CSO's should work under?

9) Next meeting date and time

Friday, March 10, 2006, 1:30 P.M., City Hall, Room 301-B

Meeting Adjourned: 3:36 P.M.

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*Information researched by the task force may be reviewed by logging on to
<http://legistar.milwaukee.gov/mattersearch> and entering Common Council File # 05132.*